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PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 34

SUBJECT: Collection of Intelligence Information on Foreign Industrial Establishments

1. The Problem:

a. The Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence submitted to the Director of Central Intelligence a memorandum dated 14 March 1946, on the subject of Intelligence on Foreign Industrial Establishments. The problem stated in the memorandum was the establishment of an interdepartmental procedure for determining and meeting the requirements of all federal agencies for intelligence on foreign industrial establishments. The memorandum recommended that the NIA initiate an interdepartmental program by which each federal agency requiring intelligence on foreign industrial establishments would have its requirement met by the agency or agencies possessing the facilities most suitable for the production of such intelligence.

b. The only Planning Staff copy of the memorandum referred to in a, above, was furnished the Intelligence Branch as an enclosure to Planning Directive No. 33, which assigned a planning problem in connection with the production of intelligence on foreign industrial establishments.

c. Concurrently with the action under Directive No. 33, study should be given to the associated problem of coordinating collection of information on foreign industrial establishments. This problem is one part of the overall problem of coordinating collecting activity, and should be considered in connection with other collecting studies now being made. Particular attention is invited to the tentative draft which has been prepared pursuant to Planning Directive No. 29 (Coordination of Collection of Scientific Intelligence Information).

d. Attention is invited also to memorandum of 3 May 1946, from the Chief, Information Branch, to this office, subject: Foreign Industrial Establishments.

2. Planning Requirement:

a. The Information Branch will study the problem of coordinating and improving the collection of intelligence information on foreign industrial establishments. A draft of the necessary CIG action will be submitted in duplicate, and an additional copy will be furnished directly to the Policy and Review Branch.

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b. The Information Branch will coordinate this study with the associated study being conducted by the Intelligence Branch under Planning Directive No. 33, and will regulate progress so that the two studies may be considered concurrently by this office.

3. Deadline:

An informal progress report will be submitted to this office on 15 May 1946.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

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Acting Deputy Chief, Central Planning Staff

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